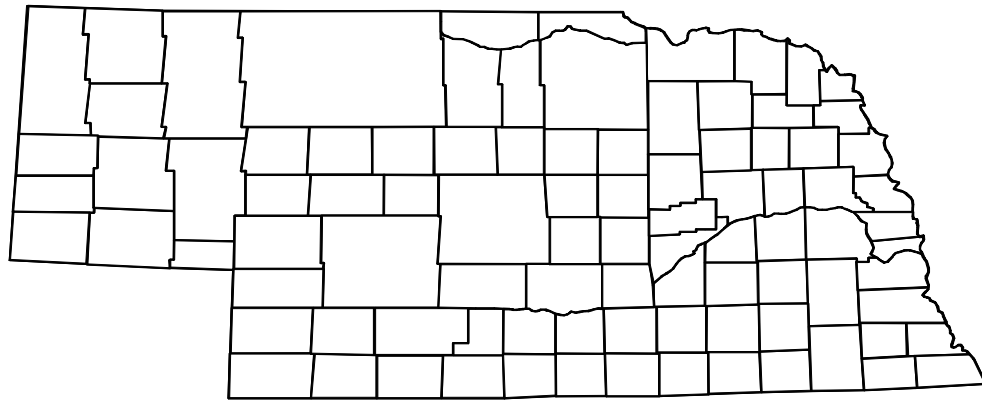




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NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2003

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2003. These data are in compliance with specifications set forth in Nebraska Statute §28-343 through §28-346.

A total of 3,990 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services System for 2003, an increase of 5.7% when compared to the 2002 total of 3,775. The following chart shows the number of abortions performed; the percentage of abortions in different age groups; the mean and modal age of the patient; and the number of abortions per 1,000 live births since 1984.

Chart I:

		19 and Under	20-29	30 and Over	Mean	Modal	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ratio*</u>	
1984	5,995	30.1	55.2	14.6	23.2	20	226.7
1985	6,012	30.0	55.3	14.7	23.3	20	232.3
1986	5,761	30.2	53.5	16.3	23.4	19	232.7
1987	5,858	30.0	53.2	16.8	23.5	18	243.2
1988	6,006	29.3	52.8	17.9	23.8	19	247.5
1989	5,871	29.0	51.4	19.6	24.1	19	239.5
1990	6,346	28.6	52.1	19.4	23.9	19	257.7
1991	6,194	24.6	55.2	20.2	24.3	21	256.0
1992	5,637	22.7	56.6	20.7	24.5	21	238.4
1993	5,486	22.4	55.6	22.0	24.6	20	234.6
1994	5,324	22.1	55.0	22.8	24.7	22	229.2
1995	4,838	22.2	55.0	22.9	24.8	23	205.4
1996	5,214	22.3	54.5	23.2	24.9	19,22	222.0
1997	5,129	21.6	55.6	22.9	24.8	21	217.0
1998	5,140	22.6	54.4	23.0	25.0	22	214.9
1999	4,565	22.5	54.9	22.6	25.0	19	188.6
2000	4,178	21.3	54.2	24.5	25.1	21	167.4
2001	3,982	20.8	55.3	23.9	25.1	21	158.6
2002	3,775	18.8	56.2	24.9	25.3	21	148.0
2003	3,990	18.0	57.3	24.7	25.4	22	153.0

*Abortions per 1,000 live births. The 2003 ratio is provisional.

Mean Age = Average Age

Modal Age = The age of the patient at which abortions occurred most frequently.

**Table 1: Number of Abortions by Month
Nebraska, 2003**

Number by Month

January	382	July	316
February	386	August	353
March	330	September	279
April	334	October	373
May	323	November	293
June	318	December	303
TOTAL		3,990	
Average per Month:		333	

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence
Nebraska, 2003**

State of Residence

Alaska	1	Missouri	18
Arizona	1	Nebraska	3,368
California	3	North Dakota	1
Colorado	2	Oklahoma	1
Florida	2	South Dakota	106
Hawaii	1	Tennessee	1
Illinois	1	Texas	1
Indiana	1	Wisconsin	1
Iowa	450	Wyoming	1
Kansas 14	Mexico	1	
Michigan	1	Other Foreign Country	1
Minnesota	13		

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
< 15	24	0.6
15-19	695	17.4
20-24	1,417	35.5
25-29	869	21.8
30-34	518	13.0
35-39	345	8.6
40-44	115	2.9
> 44	7	0.2
TOTAL	3,990	100.0

Mean Age: 25.4

Median Age: 24.4

Modal Age: 22

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Maternal Physical Health	160	4.0
Mental Health	733	18.4
Maternal Life Endangered	6	0.2
Fetal Anomaly	35	0.9
Socio-Economic	3,096	77.6
Sexual Assault	10	0.3
Incest	1	0.0
Contraceptive Failure	766	19.2
No Contraception Used	1,185	29.7
N/A written in	0	-
Not Reported	0	-
TOTAL	5,992*	

* - This figure does not equal the total number of abortions due to the indication of multiple reasons on some reports.

**Table 5: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Procedure that Terminated Pregnancy
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Suction - Curettage	3,754	94.1
Medication Induced	121	3.0
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	113	2.8
Sharp - Curettage	0	-
Dilation & Excision (D&X)	2	0.1
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	3,990	100.0

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	2,806	70.3
1	788	19.7
2	248	6.2
3	81	2.0
4	36	0.9
>4	<u>31</u>	<u>0.8</u>
TOTAL	3,990	100.0

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
<25	0	0
25-1,000	1	680
> 1,000	<u>2</u>	<u>3,310</u>
TOTAL	3	3,990

Please note: For the table, Number and Percent of Previous Abortions, the percentage does not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

**Table 8: Previous Parity* by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2003**

Age	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of Live Births</u>						
		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>>5</u>
TOTAL	3,990	1,679	1,000	823	338	96	37	17
12	1	1						
13	1	1						
14	22	22						
15	41	41						
16	81	78	3					
17	130	122	8					
18	226	164	51	10	1			
19	217	172	38	5	2			
20	273	162	86	19	4	2		
21	283	151	89	35	8			
22	326	165	101	48	9	3		
23	295	115	101	56	16	5	2	
24	240	81	77	59	20	2	1	
25	201	72	64	53	9	2	1	
26	205	62	57	59	24	3		
27	178	50	47	46	28	5	2	
28	156	38	42	49	20	5	2	
29	129	26	27	38	23	8	3	4
30	95	19	26	29	13	3	5	
31	133	22	31	44	23	9	2	2
32	110	22	23	43	14	3	4	1
33	97	16	19	30	20	9	2	1
34	83	13	19	32	13	4	1	1
35	86	11	18	36	8	11	2	
36	69	6	13	23	17	6	2	2
37	77	10	16	28	11	6	4	2
38	53	11	8	19	13		1	1
39	60	9	12	26	10	2		1
40	36	6	5	10	12	2		1
41	27	5	8	9	1	3	1	
42	28	2	6	7	9	2	2	
43	12	1	1	4	6			
44	12	2	3	3	2	1		1
45	2			1	1			
46	3		1	1	1			
47	1			1				
48	1	1						

* - Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravidity* by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of Pregnancies</u>							
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>>7</u>
TOTAL	3,990	1,279	871	753	483	276	162	72	94
12	1	1							
13	1	1							
14	22	22							
15	41	40	1						
16	81	74	6	1					
17	130	118	10	2					
18	226	149	51	17	8	1			
19	217	148	55	9	4	1			
20	273	128	85	42	16	2			
21	283	109	101	44	16	10	3		
22	326	114	107	61	23	13	5	2	1
23	295	82	77	70	36	17	10	1	2
24	240	54	68	59	34	13	5	4	3
25	201	57	36	62	26	9	6	3	2
26	205	35	47	48	35	18	15	1	6
27	178	28	40	31	36	22	13	5	3
28	156	25	29	47	28	10	8	3	6
29	129	14	20	27	22	23	9	7	7
30	95	9	20	24	16	11	4	3	8
31	133	12	21	28	23	26	13	3	7
32	110	14	17	24	19	17	12	4	3
33	97	9	12	20	22	19	6	6	3
34	83	7	15	18	15	6	12	7	3
35	86	4	16	21	16	14	6	3	6
36	69	2	3	22	17	4	5	6	10
37	77	4	11	17	13	10	7	5	10
38	53	3	8	10	11	8	6	1	6
39	60	5	4	22	16	7	4	1	1
40	36	3	3	9	9	3	5	2	2
41	27	4	4	5	6	2	2	2	2
42	28	1	1	4	9	6	4	1	2
43	12		1	3	5	1	1	1	
44	12	2	1	5		1	1	1	1
45	2				2				
46	3		1	1		1			
47	1					1			
48	1	1							

* - Total pregnancies, including this abortion and all previous live births, still births, and abortions.

**Table 10: Number and Percent of Abortions
by County of Occurrence
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	1,821	45.6
Lancaster	681	17.1
Sarpy	1,488	37.3
Other	0	-

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Length of Fetus
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Length of Fetus</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Measurable	3,990	100.0

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Weight of Fetus
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Weight of Fetus</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Measurable	3,990	100.0

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	3,989	100.0
Cervical Laceration	0	-
Perforation	0	-
Hemorrhage (more than 500cc)	0	-
Retained Products	1	0.0
Infection	0	-
Other	0	-
Not Reported	0	-

**Table 14: Number and Percent of Abortions
Emergency Situation-caused Waiver of Informed Consent Law
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	1	0.0
No	3,989	100.0

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Marital Status* of Patient
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Never Married	13	0.3
Now Married	4	0.1
Widowed	0	-
Divorced	2	0.1
Separated	1	0.0
Not Reported	3,970	99.5

* Optional Question

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Race* of Patient
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	1	0.0
Not Reported	3,989	100.0

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Ancestry* of Patient
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Ancestry</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Reported	3,990	100.0

**Table 18: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Patients Educational Level Completed*
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Educational Level Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Reported	3,990	100.0

* Optional Question

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Length of Gestation* (in weeks)
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>Lenth of Gestation (in weeks)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Reported	3,990	100.0

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions
by County of Residence*
Nebraska, 2003**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Reported	3,990	100.0